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Honorable Benson E. Legg U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland Garmatz Federal Courthouse 101 W. Lombard St Baltimore MD 21201

RE:

Ewell v. Ventiv Health U.S. Sales, Inc., et al.

Case No.: L-00-3720

Dear Judge Legg:

With the consent of counsel for Ventiv Health U.S. Sales, Inc., I am writing to make a joint request to extend discovery in the above referenced matter. The parties have diligently conducted discovery in this matter. Unfortunately, due to the work schedules and summer vacations of counsel for both parties, no depositions have been scheduled to take place before the current discovery end date of September 4, 2001. The schedules for possible deponents during the past summer have increased the difficulties with arranging agreeable dates for the depositions. In addition, Ventiv Health U.S. Sales, Inc., although presently working on answers to interrogatories and production of documents, has not yet responded to Plaintiff's discovery requests. Plaintiff's discovery requests were detailed and require the production of a fair amount of documents. It is anticipated that Ventiv will provide discovery responses shortly.

In order to arrange depositions and complete discovery in this matter, both parties request an extension of the discovery period and other deadlines in the current scheduling order as follows:

Discovery deadline: submission of status report

November 5, 2001

Requests for Admissions

November 12, 2001

Dispositive Pretrial motions deadline

December, **5**, 2001

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

cc: Maryann Cohea, Esquire

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Attorney for Defendant Ventiv Health U.S. Sales, Inc. MOTION " this 4